

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

January 28, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Present: Tom Murphy
Kathy Pucci
Tony DeMarco
Ron Van Kirk
Colleen Gallagher
Katie Gallagher
Kevin Tanski

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pucci, on behalf of the Council, offered condolences to the family of Judge Walter Savage, former Law Director for Brooklyn, and Parma Municipal Court Judge.

DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION by Murphy, second by Tanski to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013. **VOTE RESULTED:**
Approve: Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: None.
(APPROVED)

PUBLIC SESSION:

Charles Nemar representing the landlord, Biddulph Exchange, and applicant, Gold's Gym, asked that the Similar Conditional Use request on the Agenda tonight be held over for the next Council meeting, February 11th, due to incomplete/continuing lease negotiations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS & BOARDS:

Finance Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): The Committee met at 6:30 and addressed the following: Recommended approval of Ord. 2013-3.

Recreation Board (Councilman Tanski): The next Recreation Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Court.

Domestic Violence (Councilwoman C.Gallagher): The next meeting of the Domestic Abuse Commission will be Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community-Senior Center.

Planning Commission (Councilwoman K.Gallagher): The Commission will meet Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Mayor's Court for: request from JF Signs, LLC to install a 15.7 sq. ft. LED illuminated identification sign at 10000 Brookpark Road (PP#433-18-006) and from Century Sign to install a 68'25 sq. ft. cabinet/illuminated sign on front and side at 5170 Tiedeman for a remodel (PP#433-17-005).

Economic Development Committee (Councilwoman Pucci): The Committee has a meeting February 1, 2013 at 11 a.m.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL:

Tom Murphy: No report.

Tony DeMarco: Thanked Superintendant Walker for inviting him to participate in the newly formed District Council, which met last week, which is comprised of residents, parents, Councilmembers, School Board members, and school faculty. There was a meeting about communication and interaction with the school and community.

Ron Van Kirk: No report.

Colleen Gallagher: The Brooklyn Democratic Club invites residents on Friday, February 15th at 7 p.m. at the Community-Senior Center to hear Mayor Balbier deliver the State of the City Address. At its March meeting the Club will have Superintendent Cynthia Walker speak on the combined operating levy/bond issue on the May 7th ballot. The School Board recently voted to place a 9.2 mill issue for operating costs and construction, which the superintendent says without it passing will create a challenge for the school district to exist, due to the economic downturn and state cuts. There will be many public meetings to provide accurate information. Juvenile Diversion Coord. Lou Galizio released a 2012 Juvenile Diversion report, and she highlighted some of the statistics. She also extended condolences to the family of Judge Walter Savage.

Katie Gallagher: Said municipal government's purpose is to provide efficient and effective services to residents and businesses. Cited articles from a magazine which she forwarded to the Mayor. One, in regard to 'design thinking', which identifies the most time consuming or annoying areas for residents and businesses, and ways to work on streamlining services and communication; and the other to optimize city to citizen communication, which we are doing by updating the city website, a Facebook page, and newsletter, and she has an e-newsletter. The city needs to constantly promote these resources for residents. Our mission is public service.

Kevin Tanski: The Sustainability Committee met on January 23rd with guest speakers from Johnson Controls, speaking on the possibility of the city saving money on energy costs. They have an in-house grant search dept. which they're trying to find available govt. funds to supplement projects for the city. They will put together a summary of possible savings the city can achieve by implementing some changes and/or replacement of deteriorating equipment. They guarantee projected savings.

Kathy Pucci: Reported the Audit Committee had its first meeting of 2013 prior to the Finance Comm., which will track the city's progress in complying with suggestions made by our auditor. It will meet once a quarter. The Council will conduct a joint Council/School Board meeting on Monday, February 4th at 6:30 in the high school library – to have an open dialogue on the financial situation of the schools and what their plans are to address it. It's open to the public. The Community Improvement Corporation met January 18th, for a revision to the Code of Regulations, modifying its annual meeting date; discussed and addressed some deed recordings for Ridge Road Quit Claim deeds; extended the contract another six months with the realtor NAI Daus for the Memphis/Ridge corner property; discussed Hugo Boss property lease and options; the necessary annual CIC reports; and a Cuyahoga County assessment grant. A Safe Routes to School meeting was held on January 23rd, instituting a Walking Wednesday once a month, upcoming bike rodeos (May 3rd and May 4th), and discussed next funding round. She heard of another young person's death due to heroin, and with the general increase of this problem, think it needs to be attacked as a community and attention brought to the community, educating parents and community members. She will talk to the Police Chief further on this.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Balbier: Offered condolences to the family of Walter Savage. Wal-Mart will have a grand opening of their super store on February 27th. The Ridge Road repaving will take two years, from Memphis to 480; but the gas lines will be replaced first, on the east and west sides of the street, beginning February 11th, hoping to finish June 1st. Said there was a fire at the Floridian Apts. yesterday, and due to the water damage the building had to be evacuated so the Red Cross has set up a shelter at the Senior Center. No one was hurt.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS:

Finance Dir. Esarey: The Department's been busy with 2012 year end close, the 2013 budget, and the preparation for the 2012 audit. Closed year-end a week earlier than last year's close. Thanked JoAnn Haig, Linda Kelber and Tina Westfall for their efforts, and all directors waiting for 2013 P.O.s. Been preparing and will have the Mayor's proposed 2013 budget in Council's packets on February 7th, to be reviewed at the Finance Committee meeting on February 11th at 6 p.m. The 2012 audit will be starting a month earlier than last year's. Both audit groups will start February 4th. She asked for patience from the Finance Department for a few weeks due to the amount of time that has to be dedicated to the auditors.

Fire Chief Zemek: Added a few comments about the fire at the apartments, and that it is under investigation.

REQUESTS:

Council Confirmation on the Mayor's appointment of Joe Magrey to the Civil Service Commission, term ending January 24, 2019. **MOTION** by Murphy, second by C.Gallagher to confirm the appointment. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Confirm:* Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: None. **(CONFIRMED)**

Council Confirmation for Similar Conditional Use, which was requested to be held in abeyance for the February 11th meeting. **MOTION** by C.Gallagher, second by VanKirk to table. **VOTE RESULTED:** *To Table:* Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, Van Kirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: None. **(TABLED)**

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2012-88 (3rd Reading/Adoption): Amending the Fire Prevention Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brooklyn by enacting new Section 1527, Key Box Installations. President Pucci asked if there would be a sticker on doors indicating a key box is present and where it is located. Chief Zemek said most are put at the main entrance, and they are very obvious. Councilman VanKirk said it's a fantastic idea for businesses to do this, but not that a business is told they have to do it; so he is not in favor of making it a mandatory matter. **MOTION** by Murphy, second by C.Gallagher to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Adopt:* Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: VanKirk. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2012-91 (3rd Reading/Adoption): Health insurance coverage for the positions of part-time Law Director, Prosecutor and Magistrate. **MOTION** by VanKirk, second by C.Gallagher to adopt. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Adopt:* Yes: Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: Murphy. **(ADOPTED)**

ORDINANCE 2013-3: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract agreement with FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation as supplier of electric energy. **MOTION** by VanKirk, second by C.Gallagher to suspend the rules. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Suspend the Rules:* Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: None. *Adopt:* Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: None. **(ADOPTED)**

There being no further business, **MOTION** by Tanski, second by VanKirk to adjourn. **VOTE RESULTED:** *Adjourn:* Yes: Murphy, Pucci, DeMarco, VanKirk, C.Gallagher, K.Gallagher, Tanski. No: None. **(ADJOURNED)**

Asst. Clerk of Council

President of Council